Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Bishop is a representative of Christ, commissioned to speak in His name; and,

Whereas, The Bishop is the successor of the Apostles, sent out to guide the flock of Christ and ensure the unity of Christians; and,

Whereas, The Bishop must seek to awaken Christian consciences and call every citizen to a responsible moral life and freedom in Jesus Christ. Indifferent to human popularity, the Bishop must boldly preach the Cross for the sake of the souls entrusted to him; and,

Whereas, The Bishop's role is one of father, educator, consoler and friend. Kindness, courtesy, meekness, gentleness, humility, patience, prudence and eager concern are the virtues which must describe the pastoral ministry of the Bishop; and,

Whereas, The Bishop must, before all else, be a man of faith, an outstanding witness of the life of the Holy Spirit; and,

Whereas, These are the words of His Excellency, Bishop Robert J. Carlson, who has served as Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from 1994 to 2005, and who has exemplified these principles while serving as Bishop; and,

Whereas, Bishop Robert J. Carlson has been appointed by the Holy Father to serve as Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan, and has departed the prairies of South Dakota to continue his faithful service to God:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2005, as

BISHOP ROBERT J. CARLSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State